

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 11/13/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 9, 5-8, 10-17 and 19-30 which are renumbered as 1-28 respectively.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☒ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1, 3-17 and 19-30 are allowable over the prior art of record.

2. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance based on applicant's Amendment filed on November 13, 2006.

As in claim 1, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a multidimensional storage media having the following features:

(a) receiving a 2-dimensional multilevel data array in which each entry in the multilevel data array has one of a plurality of multilevel values; generating a multilevel sequence of random numbers wherein each number in the multilevel sequence of random numbers comprises one of the multilevel values; performing at least one of an arithmetic and a logic operation between elements of the multilevel data array and respective random numbers, from the multilevel sequence of random numbers, in order to produce an intermediate data array providing non-correlation and an even distribution of the multilevel symbols; and

(b) performing a q-ary complementary method to substantially equalize the energy associated with said intermediate data array, said multilevel data array having q levels.

As in claims 17 and 29, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a means for modulating multidimensional data having the following features:

(a) a data port for receiving a 2-dimensional multilevel data array in which each entry in the multilevel data array has one of a plurality of multilevel values; generating a random numbers wherein each number in the multilevel sequence of random numbers is created by using respective multilevel values; computing an arithmetic and a logic operation on respective entries from the multilevel data array and the sequence of random numbers in order to produce an intermediate data array providing non-correlation and an even distribution of the multilevel values; and

(b) performing a q-ary complementary method to substantially equalize the energy associated with said intermediate data array, said multilevel data array having q levels.

The features indicated above, in combination with the other elements of the claims, are not anticipated by, nor made obvious over, the prior art of record.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Kim CHU whose telephone number is (571) 272-7585 between 9:30 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea Wellington, can be reached on (571) 272-4483.

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